

STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC)

February Meeting Summary



Date | time February 26, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. | **Meeting Location** Administrative Office of the Courts

Meeting called to order by Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) & SIAC Vice Chair, welcomed members/alternates to the meeting. Ms. Caywood provided an update for DCBS and reported DCBS does not yet have a commissioner. DCBS actively engaged in the legislative session and watching Senate Bills 1, 40 and 92. Senate Bill 40 that DCBS is pursuing to enhance background check requirements for private foster care providers has been passed by the Senate chamber and waiting on action in the House. Senate Bill 92, which is about the reinstatement of parental rights, has not been heard. DCBS is also still actively engaged in their child welfare transformation efforts. DCBS is awaiting federal approval of their prevention plan. DCBS has had three substantial submissions. On the Family Support side of the Department, DCBS is looking at the call services because they had a number of complaints about people receiving a recording that lines are capacity. DCBS is working to ensure they have lines covered while also looking at some technology solutions to reduce the number of calls are routed to workers. DCBS is working to improve customer service, which is also a charge of the Secretary.

- **Ivanora Alexander**, Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN), introduced the new Medical Director, Dr. Pat Purcell, whom started in November. OCSHCN is working on an ECHO autism program that they hope to have ready in August, and they are continuing to collect responses on the Needs Assessment. Ms. Alexander reported there is a new autism diagnostic clinic in Morehead.
- **Angela Morris**, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), reported their pilot program in Fayette is wrapping up, and the report will be available in the coming months. Family Court Rules of Practice have been finalized, and a significant change this year is increasing the quality of trainings for guardian ad litem and court-appointed parent attorneys. Those trainings will begin in May, and the schedule will be posted on their website. Ms. Morris reported regional trainings coming up for Citizen's Foster Care Review Board will focus on substance use disorders. The funding for those come from the Restore grant through KORE. Ms. Morris reported they will be expanding from trainings to improving practices and partnerships.
- **Vanessa Brewer**, RIAC Administrator, reported the committee had reviewed all applications for the RIAC funding opportunity; eight of the eleven proposals will be funded. Ms. Brewer reported that eleven of the eighteen RIACs now have Youth Representatives, and fifteen of the eighteen have Parent Representatives [See Meeting Handouts for monthly RIAC report].
- **Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, Family Organization Representative, shared multiple resources [see Meeting Handouts]. Ms. Logsdon will also send these to Lea via email for distribution to the listserv.
- **Denitta Mercier**, Parent Member, reported there is a Parent Retreat April 25-26. In the next couple months, Denitta and Callie, SIAC Youth Representative, will be attending RIACs that do not have youth or parent representatives in order to assist those regions overcome barriers to gain youth and parent representatives.
- **Vestena Robbins**, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), reported DBHDID is part of a learning collaborative around school mental health through the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center at Emory University, and hosting a school mental health leadership academy on March 23. The academy has reached registration capacity. DBHDID and KDE staff met with Senator Kerr to discuss statewide suicide prevention efforts and initiatives. DBHDID and SOC FIVE partners hosted two SOC FIVE kickoff events. Dr. Robbins reported they are planning a state level orientation meeting for state partners. The Children's Branch is happy to announce that for the first time in over a decade, it will have a family coordinator on staff who has lived experience with the behavioral health system. Joy Varney begins with DBHDID on March

16. Her tasks include ensuring that family voice is included in system and policy discussions and supporting other family leaders to serve. The SOC FIVE project director position recommendation is in process and will be announced soon. DBHDID is applying for the Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnership for Success grant as well as applying for two Suicide Prevention grants. Dr. Robbins reported Sources of Strength and Too Good for Drugs implementation continues across the state. The elementary version of Sources is now available, and DBHDID is looking at ways to pilot this in a few elementary schools.

- **William Heffron**, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), report most of energy right now is focused on replacing the Louisville Metro Youth Detention Center. Dr. Heffron reported DJJ is in process of hiring people, but they are still short of staff. Dr. Heffron said that ultimately, DJJ wants to keep youth close to home, but they have to have adequate staff and supervision to make that possible.
- **Judy Theriot**, Department of Medicaid Services (DMS), reported DMS is watching SB 1 and SB 50. The RFPs have gone out for the new managed care contracts. Dr. Theriot reported DMS is working with Office of Health Data Analytics to use existing data for decision-making, and they are partnering with state universities to evaluate the data. Dr. Theriot reported DMS is partnering with DPH on a diabetes prevention program and substance use programs for moms and babies as well as working on Perinatal Quality Collaborative that started Oct 2019. Dr. Theriot reported “Free Care” is going forward; it increases access to physical and behavioral health care for children in school.
- **Wendy Smith**, Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), reported they applied for and were awarded extra Family Reunification housing vouchers. These vouchers provide indefinite benefit for families, and transition-age youth are eligible for 36 months. Ms. Smith announced KHC has recently been awarded 200 more housing choice vouchers for non-elderly disabled individuals.
- **Cora McNabb**, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), reported their State Plan of Services is due the first of April, and the draft plan is posted on the website. Ms. McNabb reported OVR is currently focused on Pre-employment Transition Services contracts. OVR is working with the Council on Developmental Disabilities and Human Development Institute to host an Inclusive Workforce Summit on May 5 in Lexington with a focus on employers.

BUSINESS ITEMS

❖ Review of January Meeting Summary

Rhonda Logsdon made motion to approve. **Judy Theriot** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

• Kentucky River RIAC Youth Member and Barren River RIAC Youth Member Appointments

SIAC Vice Chair Elizabeth Caywood requested SIAC Members review the applications for the Kentucky River RIAC and Barren River RIAC Youth Member applications. There were no objections. Vice Chair Caywood appointed Jacob Ethan Montgomery and Lauren Biggs.

• Legislative Updates

Legislative updates were provided during agency updates.

• Standing Committee Meeting Times

Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, emailed a survey link in the fall asking if participants would like to change the time Standing Committee meetings. Ms. Taylor stated the reason behind the suggestion is to allow monthly meeting time for Standing Committees in order to keep the work moving; currently Standing Committees only meet on non-commissioner level meeting dates. Ms. Taylor asked for Members/Designees to think about the best way to continue the work. This business item was put on hold in order to allow time for the presentation and Standing Committee meeting time following the presentation.

TOOLKIT FOR EDUCATING ABOUT PSYCHOSIS

Anne Embry, Barren River RIAC Local Resource Coordinator (LRC) at Lifeskills, Inc. and Rachel Wyatt, Mackrae Mendez and Hilary Meredith, iHOPE Program at Lifeskills, Inc. facilitated a discussion with SIAC Members, Designees and audience regarding first episode psychosis, the iHOPE (Helping Others Pursue Excellence) program and services, and the *Toolkit for educating about Psychosis*. A resource table was set up with information about the programs and copies of

the toolkit. Anyone interested in copies of the toolkit should contact aembry@lifeskills.com. Ms. Embry has both booklets and electronic versions.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for input on future agenda items.

- SMART friends and family – Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children – TBD
- TAYLRD 2.0 – Kate Tilton, TAYLRD Project Director, and Youth with TAYLRD – April 2020
- Violence Prevention Report – Christopher II X, Anti-Violence Advocate – TBD
- CASA Program – Margaret McGladrey, Kentucky CASA Network – TBD

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for any public comment. There were no additional public comments.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2019 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601

ADJOURNMENT

Ivy Alexander made motion to adjourn. **Cora McNabb** – second to the motion.

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK:	RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
As the governing body of the SOC V grant, make the following decisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the best way to involve SIAC in implementation?• What is the best way to involve your agency and/or respective stakeholders?• What is the best way to keep you informed of implementation efforts?• What is the best way to support you in sharing information with your respective agencies and/or stakeholders?	SIAC Members and Designees can respond via this survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SOC5ask

STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES	MEETING LOCATION
Disabilities (official name TBD by Standing Committee)	Large Conference Room
Outreach & Promotion	Meeting Room C
Racial & Ethnic Disparities	Did not meet
Social & Emotional Health	Meeting Room B

IN ATTENDANCE

Members/Designees:

Elizabeth Caywood, DCBS
Angela Morris, AOC
Denitta Mercier, Parent Representative
Vestena Robbins, DBHDID
Judy Theriot, DMS

Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN
Ivanora Alexander, OCSHCN
Bill Heffron, DJJ
Wendy Smith, KHC
Cora McNabb, OVR

Staff: Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, DBHDID; Lori Ramage, Administrative Specialist, DBHDID; Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, DBHDID

Partial Guest List:

Anne Embry, LifeSkills
Mackrae Mendez, LifeSkills
Judy LaRue, AOC
Christina Weeter, KDE
Amber Collins, AOC
DeeDee Ward, DBHDID
Janice Johnston, DBHDID
Lynette Ponder, DCBS
Christie Penn, DBHDID
Whitney Hayse, P&A
Brittany Roberts, KPFC
Miriam Silman, DBHDID
Martha Campbell, Humana
Eboni Blackford, AOC
Lindsey Montgomery
Janna Cheek, Aetna
Kathy Mason, Bluegrass RIAC
Michelle Antle, KATC

Rachel Wyatt, LifeSkills
Hilary Meredith, LifeSkills
Pat Purcell, OCSHCN
Sonny Mercier, Parent Alternate
Donnie Ray, MCCC, Big Sandy RIAC
Brittney Allen, DBHDID
Troy Bell, AOC
Debbie Sauber, KDE
Shirley Gardstein, Cumberland River RIAC
LeAnn Magre, Wellcare
Maggie Krueger, DJJ
Kellie Smith, KY-SPIN
Stephanie Stone, Passport
Susan Robinson, North Key
David Hanna, Passport
John Fitzpatrick, DJJ
Audra Summers, Humana
Randa Bush, New Vista

MEETING HANDOUTS

Any handouts referenced in the meeting summary above will be available on the SIAC website at <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/siac-summaries.aspx>. Under **Handouts**, use the drop down to select this meeting date.